

### SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—HODGKINS FUND PRIZE.

In October, 1891, Thomas George Hodgkins, Esquire, of Setauket, New York, made a donation to the Smithsonian Institution, the income from a part of which was to be devoted to "the increase and diffusion of more exact knowledge in regard to the nature and properties of atmospheric air in connection with the welfare of man." In furtherance of the donor's wishes, the Smithsonian Institution has from time to time offered prizes, awarded medals, made grants for investigations, and issued publications.

In connection with the approaching International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will be held in Washington, September 21 to October 12, 1908, a prize of \$1,500 is offered for the best treatise "On the Relation of Atmospheric Air to Tuberculosis." Memoirs having relation to the cause, spread, prevention, or cure of tuberculosis are included within the general terms of the subject.

Any memoir read before the International Congress on Tuberculosis, or sent to the Smithsonian Institution or to the Secretary-General of the Congress before its close, namely, October 12, 1908, will be considered in the competition.

The memoirs may be written in English, French, German, Spanish, or Italian. They should be submitted either in manuscript or typewritten copy, or if in type, printed as manuscript. If written in German, they should be in Latin script. They will be examined and the prize awarded by a committee appointed by the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in conjunction with the officers of the International Congress on Tuberculosis.

Such memoirs must not have been published prior to the Congress. The Smithsonian Institution reserves the right to publish the treatise to which the prize is awarded.

No condition as to length of the treatises is established, it being expected that the practical results of important investigations will be set forth as convincingly and tersely as the subject will permit.

The right is reserved to award no prize if in the judgment of the committee no contribution is offered of sufficient merit to warrant such action.

Memoirs designed for consideration should be addressed to either "The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, District of Columbia, U. S. A.," or to "Dr. John S. Fulton, Secretary-General of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, 714 Colorado Building, Washington, District of Columbia, U. S. A." Further information, if desired by persons intending to become competitors, will be furnished on application.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT,

Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.  
Washington, D. C., February 3, 1908.

### LEHN AND FINK'S ADVERTISING METHODS.

The advertising methods of the firm of Lehn and Fink, New York City, are discussed in the Journal A. M. A., February 29th. Communications were received by the Journal from two physicians, in different parts of the country. One correspondent enclosed a letter showing the firm's methods of reaching physicians; the other shows the attitude of Lehn and Fink toward the public. The letter to the physician first refers to an article written by him in which he mentioned phenolphthalein, and then goes on to say: "From the wording of this portion we infer that you may have mentioned the preparation Purgin also, and that probably the

editor cut it out when the article was published—in fact, we have been told as much. Under separate cover we are sending you the latest issue of our publication, 'Notes on New Remedies,' which is just off the press. We should have been very pleased to reprint in full your paper in our 'Notes' had it not been mutilated in the way we assume. We accordingly desire to ask if you can not find it within your time and inclination to prepare an original communication, treating of the use of Purgin in intestinal troubles, for publication in the next issue of 'Notes.' We should value such a paper highly, and we are sure our readers, who number some 16,000 among the most representative of the medical profession, would likewise appreciate the information that you may give. Our customary remuneration for papers of this character is \$10 per printed page, which we are pleased to offer you if the offer meets with your approval."

The Journal's other correspondent writes that pamphlets advertising "Piperazine Water" were sent to one of his patients. One pamphlet contained an article by Dr. Edward P. Adams, and stated in a footnote that he is at liberty to give advice by mail. Commenting on these communications, the Journal says that this causes one to wonder whether the twelve-page disquisition on the "Treatment of Gout and Rheumatism with Piperazine," by Dr. Edward P. Adams, in "Notes on New Remedies," is really what it purports to be, a scientific article of general interest to the medical profession or merely a \$120 testimonial made-to-order "by request." One is doubly suspicious, too, that the four-page article in the same publication on "The Internal Treatment of Gonorrhea" (with Gonosan), represents but \$40 worth of "copy." This Gonosan testimonial was written by the renowned A. H. Ohmann-Dumesnil, A. M., M. E., M. D., Ph. D., etc., editor of the now defunct St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal, of unsavory reputation. Possibly, however, Lehn & Fink vary their schedule of rates for such testimonials according to the professional standing of the authors furnishing them.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES.

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The San Diego County Medical Society has decided to take up the course of post-graduate work, as recommended by Dr. McCormack of the American Medical Association. The Society is to meet on the first and third Fridays of each month, and members who undertake to conduct regular lines of work will be fined if they do not appear at the stated times and perform their several tasks.

R. E. AUSTIN, Secretary.

### PLACER COUNTY.

The Placer County Medical Society met in the office of the president, Dr. R. A. Peers, at Colfax, Saturday evening, February 22nd. While the attendance was not large, it was one of the most interesting and instructive meetings held by the society for a long time.

Dr. Jones, of Grass Valley, read a paper on the treatment of gall stones. The subject was very thoroughly treated, from a medical as well as from a surgical standpoint. The paper was discussed by Doctors Peers, Mules and Fay.

Dr. Mules, of Auburn, read a paper on chloride retention in nephritis. This is a subject on which the busy physician is not, as a rule, very well posted, but Dr. Mules showed, not only in his paper but in the discussion that followed, that he is thoroughly familiar with every phase of it.

Dr. Hembree was to have read a paper on the treatment of neurasthenia, but was not able to be present.

After adjournment the members sat down to a bountiful lunch that had been provided by Dr. Peers.

At the business meeting held in Auburn December 7th, the following officers were elected for the year 1908: President, Dr. R. A. Peers, Colfax; vice-president, Dr. J. H. Mules, East Auburn; secretary, Dr. G. H. Fay, East Auburn; treasurer, Dr. J. F. White, East Auburn; delegate, Dr. R. F. Rooney, Auburn; alternate, Dr. J. H. Mules, East Auburn.

G. H. FAY, Secretary.

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement met March 17, 1908, in the office of Dr. W. A. Briggs, to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of its founding, on March 17, 1868. There were present of the original charter members Dr. W. R. Cluness of San Francisco and Drs. H. L. Nichols and G. L. Simmons of Sacramento, Dr. H. L. Nichols in the chair as senior active member, in the absence of Dr. T. J. Cox.

In addition to a full representation from the Sacramento Society, which now numbers 59 members, there were present as guests Drs. D. W. Montgomery of San Francisco, Lawhead of Woodland, Bates of Davisville, Thompson of Gridley, Powell of Marysville, Cluness of San Francisco, Hoisholt of Stockton, O'Brien of Richmond, and Arbogast of St. Helena.

The usual routine business of the evening was postponed for a month and the society listened with great interest to an address by Dr. Montgomery of San Francisco, on "The Stimulant Used in Cooking."

After the address and an informal discussion the officers elected by the society for the coming year, Dr. Duncan McLean, President, and Dr. E. C. Turner, Secretary, were installed and an adjournment was taken to the Sutter Club, where a feast for mind and body kept the entire assemblage busy till early hours, violating all the principles laid down by Dr. Montgomery's paper earlier in the evening.

E. M. WILDER, Secretary.

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular society meeting was held March 18th at the St. James Hotel, with twenty-five members present. Dr. Paterson brought a surgical case before the society, showing the result of surgical treatment for an imperforate rectum. The paper for the evening was given by Dr. Wallace I. Terry of San Francisco, and entitled "Indications for Operations on the Stomach." Several members took part in the discussion that followed the paper, Dr. Terry closing. The members present were unanimous in thanking Dr. Terry for his paper, which has been sent to the Journal. The society endorsed the resolutions adopted by the San Francisco Medical Society in regard to the termination of the services of Dr. Dudley Tait with the Board of Examiners, and a notice of this action of this society be sent to the State Society secretary.

After the meeting adjourned, those present repaired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were served.

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

### REGISTER CHANGES—

Those members who desire to keep their Registers corrected up to date should check this list carefully. In the following will be found all the official changes (in California) received from the 15th to the 15th.

Allen, Lewis W., from 1059 O'Farrell st., to Lincoln Bldg., S.E. cor. Powell and Geary sts., San

Francisco. Ardenyi, Joseph, from 1117 Turk st. to 1246 Eddy st., San Francisco.

Brown, T. Floyd, from 314 W. 50th st. to 436 W. 33rd st., Los Angeles.

Cottrell, Chas. C., from Lane Hosp., San Francisco, to Fortuna, Humboldt Co.

Dixon, Thos. H., from Knights Landing, Yolo Co. to —, Washington.

Ford, Campbell, from 1153 Devisadero st. to 742 Green st., San Francisco. Foster, Ernest, from Winters, Yolo Co., to —?

Gochenauer, David, from San Diego to —, Los Angeles. Goodfellow, Geo. E., from 1059 O'Farrell st., San Francisco, to Guaymas, Mex. Gregory, C. L., from Box 672, Oakland, to Lock Drawer "T", Newman, Stanislaus Co.

Hastreiter, Rolland F., from 3605½ Vermont ave. to 3403 Vermont ave., Los Angeles. Heryford, Henry W., from Millville, Shasta Co., to Anderson, Shasta Co. Hulen, Vard H., from 1380 Sutter st., to Shreve Bldg., San Francisco. Hull, Philo, from McArthur, Shasta Co., to Mountain View, Santa Clara Co.

Lawrence, Arthur John, from Guinda, Yolo Co., to —? Levin, Z., from 1059 O'Farrell st., San Francisco, to —? Liftchild, Judson, from Covelo, Mendocino Co., to Ukiah, Mendocino Co.

Newman, Alfred, from 1707 Octavia st., to 3447 Clay st., San Francisco. Newton, Frank C., from Oat Hill, Napa Co., to St. Helena, Napa Co.

Pounds, Thomas C., from San Bernardino to Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino Co.

Root, R. R., from Pima, Ariz., to Corona, Riverside Co.

Sartori, Henry J., from 1915 Van Ness ave. to 460 Montgomery st. Savage, Philip M., from Sanger, Fresno Co., to Chino, San Bernardino Co. Stephens, W. Barclay, from 1121 Devisadero st., to Shreve Bldg., San Francisco.

Tapley, J. F., from Pacific Grove, Monterey Co., to Grass Valley, Nevada Co.

Watt, F. W., from Placerville, El Dorado Co., to Pinogrande, El Dorado Co. Wheeler, Chas. H., from Redding, Shasta Co., to Fall River Mills, Shasta Co. Williams, C. C., from 401 S. Hope st., Los Angeles, to 767 1st st., Pasadena.

### New Members.

Alameda County—Alexander, A. A., Union Sav. Bk. Bldg., Oakland; Bell, H. D., 1168 Washington st., Oakland; Ellis, J. A., Citizens' Bank Bldg., Alameda; Higgins, I. W., First Nat. Bk. Bldg., Berkeley; Irwin, W. H., MacDonough Bldg., Oakland, and Piper, H. E., Livermore.

Contra Costa County—Fisher, C. V., Antioch; Leech, Claude R., Walnut Creek, and Merrihew, E. W., Martinez.

Los Angeles County—Hayes, Nellis S.

Mendocino County—Sullivan, Walter H.

Napa County—Ogden, G. W., Napa.

Sacramento County—La Brie Edmond, 4th and K. sts., Sacramento.

Santa Clara County—Kirk, J. H., Palo Alto; Pope, F. S., Ryland Bldg., San Jose.

Sonoma County—Temple, Jackson, Santa Rosa.

Yolo County—Maulhardt, Adolph Antone, Oxnard.

### New Names.

Humboldt County—Mercer, Clarence N., Eureka, Univ. of Jefferson, Penn., '07 (c) '07.

### Deaths.

Root, E. S. S., Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne Co.

Zimmerman, G. W., Woodland, Yolo Co.